

DIARY NOTES: REMINISCENCES

and

RAMBLES IN MY FATHERLAND (Parts I, II and III)

by

James Edward Hanauer

This set of documents represents the final of a set of books published by James Edward Hanauer which, to date, has not been generally accessible¹. These documents compliment Hanauer's other publications by providing an insight into his personal life and belief system. In his *Diary Notes: Reminiscences* he describes his childhood and schooling, his love of God and the church, the important people in his life, incidents that captured his attention, and the tensions that existed in the in the Middle East region at that time. The three sections of *Rambles in My Fatherland* document and describe his travels through the Middle East centred around his home town of Jerusalem. He expertly portrays the sites he visited by interspersing factual descriptions with humour, and he invariably places those sites in a spatial, temporal and Biblical context. He has an eminently readable writing style.

James Edward Hanauer was born in Damascus in 1850 to Swiss and Jewish parents. He was raised and educated in Jerusalem, and his early association with the church culminated in his appointment as Canon of St George's Cathedral at Jerusalem. From the age of seventeen, Hanauer formed an association with the Palestine Exploration Fund as a general assistant, photographer and amateur archaeologist. He is credited with making or reporting on several important archaeological studies and he wrote at least 57 articles in the *Palestine Exploration Quarterly* between 1881 and 1925². He was well known and loved within European circles in Jerusalem. James Edward Hanauer died on 15 June 1938 at the age of 88, and is buried in the Jerusalem Protestant Cemetery on Mt Zion³.

James Edward Hanauer was a prolific writer. He covered many topics including archaeology, history, modern colonialization, folklore and philology². Other books by Hanauer include: *A Table of the Christian and Mohammedan Eras* (1904), *Tales told in Palestine* (1904), *Cook's Handbook for Palestine and Syria* (1907, written with E.W. Gurney), *Folk-lore of the Holy Land: Moslem, Christian and Jewish* (1910) and his most well known work was entitled *Walks about Jerusalem* (1910).

The original manuscript of this document is held in the Conrad Schick Library, Christ Church, Jerusalem, and is comprised of 182 pages of Hanauer's hand-writing bound into a 30cm x 21cm x 3cm book. This document was transcribed by Barry Punchard and represents an almost complete transcription with two important omissions: firstly, Arabic and other inscriptions interspersed throughout the text of the original manuscript have not been included in the transcription; and secondly, occasional sketches or illustrations have not been reproduced with the transcription. Scholars who wish to quote this work are advised to consult the original manuscript.

- 1 Megron, Y. 1996 'Youthful memoirs from Jaffa and Jerusalem: Chapters from the diary of Rev. James Edward Hanauer, 1850–1938', *Ariel* 112–113, 89–119 (Hebrew)
- 2 Palestine Exploration Fund. No date. *Canon James (John) Edward Hanauer, 1850-1938*. [online] Available at: <http://www.pef.org.uk/profiles/canon-james-john-edward-hanauer-1850-1938>
- 3 Shultz, B. 1998. *The Jerusalem Protestant Cemetery on Mount Zion: The Archaeological Remains and the Archaeological – Geographical Contributions of the People Buried There*. Master of Arts thesis, Department of Ancient History of Syro-Palestine, Jerusalem University College